up to consider the question of raising the bonus ceiling revising Dearness Allowance and to introduce pensions scheme for public sector employees;

(b) if so, what are its precise composition and terms of reference; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) There is no proposal to set up a National Wage Board or Panel to consider the issues of Bonus ceiling, Dearness allowance and Pension Scheme for Central Public Sector employees.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Strike call by various Trade Unions of NTC Mills

2100. SHRI P. UPENDRA:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that any strike call was given by various trade unions of NTC mills recently;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for strike calls;

(c) whether NTC modernisation scheme which TUs demand to be implemented is not cleared by the Cabinet;

(d) what are the drawbacks or the limitations of the Scheme according the experts who are not for the implementation of the scheme; and

(e) whether textile research institutions have cleared the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) The textile Research Associations had prepered a plan for modernisation of 79 mills at an investment of Rs. 2005.72 crores. The modernisation plan *inter-alia* envisages restructuring of 36 unviable mills into 18 viable mills. The Special Tripartite Committee on NTC matters in the Labour Ministry had recommended that the NTC mills as well as its taken over mills can be made viable by modernisation as proposed by the Textile Research Association.

A Turn Around Plan for the NTC is under consideration of the Government. Since the cases of 8 subsidiaries of NTC stand referred to the BIFR, any scheme that may finally emerge would also require the concurrence of the BIFR before implementation.

Right to Employment as a Fundamental Right

2101. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:
SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare the right to employment as a fundamental right;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the necessary legislation will be enacted?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Proposal for Autonomous Hill Development Board in Uttar Pradesh

2102. SHRI J.S. RAJU:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for constituting an Autonomous Development Board for the development of hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh has been pending for decision with the Union Government;